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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6132**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 39**

**NOTE PREPARED: Jan 15, 2008**

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Responsibility for Implementing Natural Resources Doctrine.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Meeks

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to implement the public trust doctrine with respect to public freshwater lakes. It also requires the Natural Resources Commission to adopt rules identifying at least one division in DNR to implement the public trust doctrine with respect to public freshwater lakes. The bill adds "wildlife" to the definition of "natural resources".

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2008.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The DNR will experience a minor increase in administrative expenses associated with adopting rules. The DNR should be able to cover these additional expenses given its existing level of resources. The DNR is funded through appropriations from the state General Fund and various dedicated funds.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** DNR

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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